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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

FUKUDA ET AL.

Examiner

Camie S. Thompson

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on RCE filed October 16, 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5-11 and 13-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5-11 and 13-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

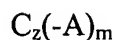
Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on October 16, 2006 has been entered.
2. Applicant's amendment and accompanying remarks filed October 16, 2006 are acknowledged.
3. Examiner acknowledges amended claim 5.
4. Examiner acknowledges cancelled claim 17.
5. The rejection of claims 5-11 and 13-17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Thoms et al., U.S. Pre Grant Publication 2003/0205696 is overcome by applicant's amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. Claims 5-11 and 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Iwakuma et al., U.S. Pre Grant Publication 2004/0086745.

Iwakuma discloses a material for organic electroluminesce device comprising a compound with the structure



wherein C_z is a substituted or unsubstituted arylcarbazoyl group and A is $(M)_p-(L)_q-(M')_r$ with p representing an integer of 0 to 2; q representing an integer of 1 or 2 and r represents an integer of 0 to 2. The reference reads on the instant claims when p and r are zero; q is 1 and L is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group (see paragraphs 0007, 0009-0012). Additionally, the reference reads on the instant claims when m is 3 and the substituent on the aryl group can be an amino group, a nitro group, a cyano group, hydroxyl group and an aryl group (see paragraph 0026). The reference discloses that m can be 3. The reference does not explicitly disclose that the arylcarbazole group does not have an n-fold axis of symmetry when n is 3 to 5. The reference can read on the instant claims when the arylcarbazoyl groups are attached at the 2, 3 and 6 positions of the A. Paragraphs 0061-0066 of the reference discloses that the arylcarbazoyl material acts as a host in the light emitting layer and a phosphorescent compound such as an iridium, platinum or osmium complex is present.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to the instant claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Camie S. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1530. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. If

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attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena L Dye, can be reached at (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the Group is 571-273-8300.

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